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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CALL BY CHARGE ON MENGISTU HAILE
MARIAM

1. IN VIEW MENGISTU'S NEW ROLE AS CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS, WE WONDER IF A REQUEST FROM YOU FOR AN APPOINT-
MENT WITH HIM MIGHT NOT BE USEFUL. THIS WOULD BE PRESENTED
AS REQUEST FOR A COURTESY CALL ON NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD OF
GOVERNMENT WHICH IS CUSTOMARY DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE.

2. WHETHER OR NOT GRANTED, WE SEE ADVANTAGES IN SUCH A
REQUEST. IF AGREED TO IT MIGHT OPEN UP DIRECT COMMUNICA-
TIONS BETWEEN US AND A MAN WHO, IF SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED,
STILL IS ONE OF THE REAL POWERS IN PMAC. IF REFUSED IT
WOULD SERVE AS ONE MORE VISIBLE INDICATOR THAT IT IS EPMG
NOT US WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOW STATE OF OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING DESIRABILITY OF
SEEKING SUCH A MEETING, MOST EFFICACIOUS METHOD OF PRE-
SENTING REQUEST, AND WHAT MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE IT MIGHT BE
USEFUL TO DISCUSS IF THE INTERVIEW IS GRANTED.
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